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Turkey: USCIRF/Wilson Center Panel Discussion on Turkish Attitudes Toward Religion and Politics

The United States Commission on International Religious Freedom (USCIRF), in cooperation with the Southeast Europe Project at the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars, invites you to a panel discussion on "Religion and Politics in Turkey: a Survey of Turkish Attitudes" on Monday, February 26 from 3:00 p.m. until 4:30 p.m. The discussion will focus on the findings of a recent country-wide poll by the Turkish Economic and Social Studies Foundation (TESEV).

During a Commission trip to Turkey in November 2006, the delegation heard a preliminary report on the TESEV poll. The meeting Monday will offer an opportunity to more fully discuss the poll findings and hear the views of experts in Washington's policy and academic communities.

Introduction:

Felice D. Gaer, *Chair, USCIRF*

Dr. Elizabeth Prodromou, *Vice-Chair, USCIRF*

Panelists:

Dr. Can Paker, *Chairman, TESEV, and Chairman, Open Society Institute Assistance Foundation in Turkey*

Etyen Mahcupyan, *Director, Democratization Program, TESEV, and columnist*

Moderator:

Dr. Henri J. Barkey, *Public Policy Scholar, Woodrow Wilson Center and Bernard and Bertha Cohen Professor of International Relations, Lehigh University*

5th Floor Conference Room

Woodrow Wilson Center

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RSVP Acceptances only, sep@wwic.si.edu

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Felice D. Gaer

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